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TAGS: OVIP (DRINAN, CONGRESSMAN FATHER ROBERT)
SUBJECT: SECURITY ASPECTS OF FATHER DRINAN'S VISIT

REF: SAN SALVADOR 0045

1. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT ADVISED GOES OR ITS
SECURITY SERVICES OF FATHER DRINAN'S PLANNED TRIP
INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE. THEY ARE, HOWEVER, ALREADY
AWARE OF SUCH PLANS.

2. WHEN DEFENSE ATTACHE CALLED UPON MINISTER OF
DEFENSE TO SEEK REQUESTED APPOINTMENT FOR FATHER
DRINAN, MINDEF MENTIONED FATHER DRINAN'S PLANS FOR
TRAVEL INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE AND SAID THAT IF HE
PLANNED TO TALK WITH FECCAS AND UTC, THERE WAS A
PROBLEM SINCE "THESE ARE ILLEGAL AND SUBVERSIVE
ORGANIZATIONS." MINDEF STATED FECCAS AND UTC WERE
CREATED BY JESUIT ORDER WHO HAD TURNED MARXIST IN
EL SALVADOR. MINDEF STATED THAT SINCE FATHER
DRINAN HAS SCHEDULED PARTICIPATION AS A PRIEST IN ARCHBISHOP'S
CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY A.M., HIS VISIT HAD TO BE
CONSIDERED AS CHURCH BUSINESS AND NOT AS A VISITING
U.S. CITIZEN OR POLITICAL FIGURE. HE ADDED THAT THE
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SITUATION IN COUNTRY WAS TENSE, THAT MEETING WITH
SUBVERSIVE FECCAS AND UTC BY FOREIGN JESUIT PRIEST
COULD IGNITE THIS VERY VOLATILE SITUATION AND THAT
GOES COULD NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE.

3. VICE PRESIDNET JAN. 6 TOLD DCM THAT FECCAS AND UTC
WERE ILLEGAL ONLY IN SENSE THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE

LEGAL PERSONALITY (PERSONA JURIDICA). NOTHING ILLEGAL ABOUT THESE GROUPS ORGANIZING SPORTING AND SOCIAL EVENTS, ETC., BUT ADDED THAT GOES FEELS ACTIONS OF FECCAS AND UTC OFTEN GO BEYOND THIS AND THEREFORE COULD ON FREQUENT OCCASION BE CONSIDERED ACTING ILLEGALLY AND EVEN SUBVERSIVELY UNDER NEW LAW.

4. SINCE MCAWARD HAS MENTIONED TO US PLANS FOR MEETINGS WITH BOTH FECCAS AND UTC, WE ARE BRINGING THESE COMMENTS TO HIS ATTENTION.

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